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SUBJECT: EGYPT'S INDEPENDENT TRADE UNION FLEXES MUSCLE

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Classified By: Economic-Political Minister-Counselor Donald A. Blome for reasons 1.4 (d).

¶1. (SBU) On August 11, the Real Estate Tax Collector's Union (RETU), Egypt's only independent trade union, held a one day strike to protest a

¶2. (SBU) In conjunction with the work stoppage, RETU members demonstrated in front of the downtown Cairo office of Egypt's Prime Minister. On

¶3. (C) Comment: RETU, formed in December 2008, has generally operated with little GoE interference and has been able to work cooperatively with